

MEMORANDUM

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TO: FILE  
FROM: CYNTHIA L. CROMER  
RE: HUGUETTE CLARKE  
DATE: JUNE 7, 1991

Approximately two months ago, Ms. Clarke was admitted to BINH

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The circumstances of her admission were particularly strange: she was swathed in sheets and did not want anyone to see her. She did not even want the nurses to enter her room. We later learned that Ms. Clarke is a recluse and had not been out of her apartment since 1952.

Her admission was secured with a \$10,000 check delivered to the Hospital by her lawyer, a man whom she says she has never met. She is a self-pay patient. Finance has received calls from the lawyer asking that we bill more quickly.

About a month into her hospitalization, Dr. Singman told Lynn Weinberg that Mr. Clarke is quite wealthy and suggested that she might make a gift to the Hospital. He offered to help in whatever way possible.

Recently, Ms. Clarke was told she could be discharged. She asked if she might stay in the Hospital longer: she feels comfortable and safe here and her apartment is being renovated. Since she is a self-pay patient, the Hospital has agreed as long as we do not need the bed.

Today I visited Ms. Clarke and later placed a call to Dr. Singman to discuss an appropriate cultivation approach. He was unavailable, but I will call back on Monday.

In addition to Dr. Singman, Drs. Rudick and Saxe are treating Ms. Clarke. She is 84.

cc: Stefania Steel  
Judith Hendra  
Lynn Weinberg

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FROM: CYNTHIA L. CROMER *CLC*

RE: HUGUETTE CLARKE

DATE: JULY 12, 1991

During my visit today with Ms. Clarke, I learned that Dr. Newman has paid her a call. I suspect Dr. Singman may have asked him to do this, because he once mentioned to me that he would be a good visitor because of his Japanese interests. I spoke to Margie in Dr. Newman's office to ask her to convey thanks for his visit and to try to learn who asked him to do so.

Today Ms. Clarke gave me a photo tour of several of her miniature houses. She has several of various themes: Japanese and fairytales. She places dolls in the house and moves them through activities (drinking tea, walking in the garden, in conversation), taking a photo of each activity so that they tell a story.

She is very happy here.

cc: Stefanie Stool

A MEMBER OF THE BETH ISRAEL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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DATE: June 1, 1992 ! CONFIDENTIAL  
TO: Jane G. Blumenfeld, Stefanie Steel  
FROM: Judith Hendra JH  
Subject: Huguette Clark

I am finally able to give you some definite information on Huguette and her relatives thanks to the discovery of a book about the family published in 1941 and written by a William D. Mangam, who was the son of a close business associate of Clark's. The book is available at the research division of the New York Public Library.

Mrs. Clark is the youngest child of William Andrews Clark and the only one still living. Her mother was Clark's second wife, a woman many years younger than he. The story of their relationship as told by Mangam is quite a sensational one.

Anna LaChapelle was an ambitious young woman in her teens living in Butte, Montana in 1893 when she engineered a meeting with William A. Clark, the richest man in Montana and one of the richest men in the United States. William was in his fifties at the time, the father of four children, and a recent widower, his wife Katherine having just died. William was apparently infatuated enough with Anna to agree to underwrite the cost of her education, first in a girls seminary in Montana and afterwards in Paris, where she studied music and the arts, becoming a proficient harpist and a linguist. William visited her there on frequent occasions, and by 1901 it was evident she was his mistress since she became pregnant that year. Her first child, a girl called Andree, was born in 1902. Thereafter, the couple, still unmarried, continued to meet on the Continent, William meanwhile providing for Anna and her child. A second pregnancy followed, in 1903. At this point Anna apparently insisted on legitimizing her position and William agreed, reluctantly, to marry her. The marriage announcement made to the American papers in 1904 was fudged to conceal Anna's and Andree's real status by William's declaration that he married Anna in 1901 when a fictitious French marriage ceremony was supposed to have taken place. William's sons by his first marriage were horrified by the unexpected news while his two grown daughters were resigned to coming to terms with this new development; none of them liked Anna or willingly associated with her thereafter.

Anna's second child, a boy, died at birth. Her third child, Huguette Marcella, was born in 1906 in Paris. She grew up with her older sister, Andree, her father's favorite, who was to die unexpectedly at the age of seventeen. Huguette is the only surviving child therefore of William's second marriage, though biographer Mangram repeats a rather nasty rumor, one apparently given credibility by William's two sons, that Huguette was illegitimate, her real father being a New York doctor. Regardless of these stories, Huguette was acknowledged by William as his daughter, Mangram saying however that daughter and father never got along.

When Mangram was writing in the late 1930s, Anna LaChapelle Clark was a woman in her sixties and Huguette was in her thirties. Mangram says they were then living a privileged life, sharing a Fifth Avenue apartment during the winter and spending summers at Anna's estate in Santa Barbara, California. The two women were unusually close, Mangram attributing Huguette's evident personality problems to a "mother complex." He says she was hopelessly spoiled.

Huguette, when very young, spent most of her time in France. Later she moved with her mother into the palatial mansion Clark had built for himself on Fifth Avenue and furnished with a splendid art collection. She went to the fashionable Spence school for girls. Her father died in 1925, when she was nineteen, and the house on Fifth Avenue was sold three years later, the art collection going to the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, as Clark's will had specified. In August 1928 Huguette married William Macdonald Gower, a Princeton graduate and a member of a socially prominent New York family. Despite Mrs. LaChapelle Clark's blessing, the marriage lasted only a few months; Huguette obtaining a Reno divorce. Mangram says that Huguette refused to consummate the marriage.

Huguette's half sisters and brothers are dealt with almost as harshly by Mangram, who attributes a variety of personality disorders to them. One brother was a drunk and collected pornography, the other was a drunk who, though married, had sordid affairs with young men. The sons failed to establish themselves in business and lived off their inheritances. The two sisters, according to Mangram, were more acceptable members of society but had unpleasant personalities, the older one exhibiting the worst aspects of the social climber and the younger being exceedingly mean with her money.

The second generation produced relatively few children. The eldest daughter Mary, born 1870, had a daughter called Katherine by her first marriage to Dr. Everett Culver (she married three times in all). Charles Walker Clark, born 1871, died 1932, had three daughters and one son, Paul, by his second

marriage (he also married three times). The second daughter, Katherine, born 1875, married Dr. Lewis Rutherford Morris. The couple had a daughter, Katherine, who married John Hudson Hall, Jr. Katherine and John Hall are the parents of Lewis Hall. The second son, William Andrews Clark, Jr. (born 1877, died 1934) married twice and had one son, Tertius, who predeceased him.

Lewis Hall is the author of a book on opera written in the nineteen seventies and is interested in the local history of Morris County, New York, which he knows very well because his mother inherited the Morris family estate. Mr. Hall is married to a woman called Gemma. I do not know his New York address but presume he could be the Lewis Hall who lives in the Majestic apartments. He may or may not be acquainted with his great aunt Huguetta. Given the family history, it's hard to speculate.

A word about Huguetta's money: Mangam implies that Anna and Huguetta's fortunes survived the Depression. William Clark had kept Anna on a short rein financially speaking during most of their lives together, lest she spend his money. However, he settled a million dollars on her in 1924, a year before he died, and left her two and a half millions in his will. Huguetta directly benefited under the will receiving a share equal with that of the other children. Contemporary estimates of Clark's estate say that he left assets worth about two hundred million dollars, a huge fortune. Of that only one percent went to charity, plus the art collection which was estimated as being worth three million dollars. Otherwise the children got it all. The properties that made Clark's fortune were cashed in by the family long ago: Clark's heirs sold his Montana mines in 1928 and his United Verde Copper Mining Company of Arizona in 1935, thereby effectively converting the entire estate to cash.

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CC: Cynthia Cromer

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FROM: CYNTHIA L. CROMER *CLC*  
RE: HUGUETTE CLARK  
DATE: JUNE 5, 1992

My weekly visit with Mrs. Clark today was especially interesting: she showed me color photos her mother had taken in 1913 and 1914. Many of the pictures were of her father's palatial Fifth Avenue home. One was of Huguette at about age 13, quite lovely, blonde and beautifully dressed. Another was of her Aunt Amelia, her mother's sister. I told Mrs. Clark that I was certain Dr. Newman would love to see these pictures, since she had mentioned his trip to the Corcoran's Clark Wing.

While I was there Madame Pierre called, and yes, Stefania, they speak French to each other.

cc: Stefania Steel

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November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1962

Dear Doctor  
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Thank you and  
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 very much.

Thank you both  
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With my very best  
 regards,

Charlotte Clarke

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TO: Morton P. Hyman

DATE: March 4, 1993

FROM: Stefanie Steel *SS*

RE: Huguetta Clark

Cynthia and I have been talking about Mrs. Clark; Cynthia continues to visit her every week. I spoke to Dr. Newman today about her--he said he has not seen her lately but plans to send his mother to visit her when she comes to New York next month. My question is this: is it ok with you if Cynthia talks to Mrs. Clark about making another gift to BI? She hasn't made one in some time and it seems that she should be asked again (even if she change the subject to Smurfs or Flintstones). Dr. Newman thought Cynthia could try even though he is not optimistic that she will respond.

What do you think?

CC: Robert G. Newman, M.D.  
Jane G. Blumenfeld  
Cynthia Cromer

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From: Stefanie Steel  
To: Internetcrossnet.org(lapledo), NORTH\_BJN\_POST(Pat...  
Date: 2/23/98 4:04pm  
Subject: Huguette Clark -Reply -Reply -Reply

Thanks for your comments. I will convey to Gene

>>> Michelle Gelber 02/23/98 03:52pm >>>

I agree with Tricia on all fronts. Furthermore, I can't imagine what it would look like for a charity to sue her estate when we haven't even been promised anything, verbally or in writing. When knowledge of her wealth gets out, and it will, anything we do, especially fighting for a piece of her estate, will most likely get its fair share of press coverage.

>>> Dolores L. Lepley 02/20/98 04:47pm >>>

1. I can certainly ask her whom she considers financially astute. My guess is that she'll refer me to Wally Bach and/or Irving Karslert

2. I think we'd have to go through Wally/Irving on presenting Miss Clark with something in writing, or ask Rudick to do it. My worry here is that she might become upset and stop her outright gifts.

3. I can check with Legal on the third idea, BUT does Legal know about Miss Clark's situation? I guess they do, but my fear is that if we raise the issue with them, they might push the question of whether she should even be living at the hospital. If we were forced to "evict" her, we'd certainly have no hope of any support.

>>> Stefanie Steel 02/20/98 04:28pm >>>

When Jane and I met with Gene Marcy this morning, we told him the latest on Huguette. This piqued his interest and Gene had a few ideas: he asks that Tricia go to see Mrs. Clark and see if you can ask her who she admires as a financially astute person--you can tell her that you know she handles her investments and you wonder if there is anyone she has learned from. Gene's idea is that we could then try to get this person to work with us to get her to do something. I consider this a long shot

Gene also suggested that we try to find out if we can get someone to put in writing the affect of her dying without a will on the art world and on the different investments she has, and on the people she is currently supporting. Or, have any articles been written about situations like hers, where a wealthy person dies without a will. Again, I am not sure that this is something we could comfortably (or knowledgeably do).

CC: CORP\_GW.CORP\_PO(Jane Blumenfeld), PARK.PARK\_PO(Syl...

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From: Stefanie Steel  
To: B Bowles, M Geiber  
Date: 4/2/98 2:34pm  
Subject: Meeting re Huguette Clark

Mr. Hyman wants to have a brainstorming meeting to talk about how to get a big gift from Ms. Clark and he wants us to assemble all relevant parties. Michelle, since you have met with the two advisors, what do you think of the following? Bern, please run these names by Tricia as well to get her agreement on the people to include:

MPH, RGN, Jane, Mercy, Michelle, Stef, Judith, Ruth Hennessey(?), Drs. Singman and Rudick.

Bern, don't set up until I run these names by Michelle and Tricia.

CC: Staff 1

BIMC GIFT 000173

From: Stefania Steel  
To: Robert Newman  
Date: 5/20/98 11:14am  
Subject: Ms. Clark

So, has your mom had a chance to talk to Ms. Clark about the joy of making a will? Please advise....

CC: Jane Blumenfeld

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From: Stefanie Steel  
To: CORP\_GW.CORP\_PO(ROBERT NEWMAN)  
Subject: Ms. Clark -Reply -Reply

Not even Hanukkah with the Smurfs--Ms. Clark really doesn't get it. Tell your mom thanks from all of us. We here in Development will see if we can come up with a way to ask for another, larger cash gift now since it looks like we have to drop the estate planning approach.

>>> Robert Newman MD 05/21/98 08:54am >>>

Yes - she spent an hour with her. My mother told Ms. C of the great joy and spiritual satisfaction of preparing her will to "ensure care of those who loved her." She tells me she was superb! The response: "Let me show you a wonderful tape of Christmas with the Smurfs." I kid you not! My mom spent 30 minutes watching the Smurfs celebrate Christmas; she deserves a medal - the lack of outcome notwithstanding.

Bob

>>> Stefanie Steel May 20, 1998 11:15 am >>>

So, has your mom had a chance to talk to Ms. Clark about the joy of making a will? Please advise.....

CC: CORP\_GW.CORP\_PO(Jane Blumenfeld),

8/7/00

Wallace Boek - called on Friday - wCB today.

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Clark

From: Jane Blumenfeld  
To: SSteel  
Date: 8/1/60 1:58pm  
Subject: Mrs. Clark

Barbara called me today to tell me that Hadassah came down to see her today to bring her copies of some medical bills that Dr. Newman wanted to take care of. In the course of two meetings, Hadassah talked to Barbara about Madam. I will repeat all of the information. I'm sure we know some of it, but possibly there will be some new information in here that we can pass on to Dr. Newman.

Mrs. Clark's original doctor with Mrs. Pierre's husband. When he passed away, she never retained another doctor, and it was Mrs. Pierre who insisted that she come to the hospital when she was sick nine or ten years ago. Mrs. Pierre is the closest person to Mrs. Clark. She visits once a week and has great influence on Mrs. Clark.

Hadassah said that last week the lawyer and Mrs. Pierre took the painting to Sotheby's and it was appraised for \$6 million. The lawyer wants Mrs. Clark to give \$1 million, but Mrs. Pierre favors giving the painting.

Mrs. Clark is extremely worried about Dr. Newman leaving. She is crazy about him and is also afraid that her position at the hospital might be compromised with his gone. She like Mr. Ryman very much as well.

Hadassah told Barbara that Mrs. Clark's father was William Andrew Clark and that many of his paintings are on display at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington. Mrs. Clark's mother was William's second wife. There were children from the first marriage but they are all gone now. However, there are relatives who are anxious to inherit some of her estate upon her death. Mrs. Clark had a sister who died while she was very young.

Mrs. Pierre has been telling Mrs. Clark every week that she should make out a will, but Mrs. Clark had not done it so far. Hadassah thinks that if she gives the painting she might think about making a will.

Hadassah reiterated that Mrs. Clark lives in a cocoon and doesn't even watch the news. She says it makes her too depressed. Hadassah says she is very smart and doesn't miss anything.

Hadassah is married to a very religious Jewish man and has converted to Judaism. She has one child who is in Israel for the summer and one son about to go to College. He got 1250 on his College Boards and is deciding whether he wants to go to Columbia or to Yeshiva.

That's all the news for now, except to tell you the Dr. Newman and Mr. Ryman are on their way to see Mrs. Clark again this afternoon.

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Latest News!!!! Dr. Newman just called to say he had a short and sweet conversation with Mrs. Clark. She said she wants to give BI the painting sworth \$6 million in honor of Dr. Newman and she'll arrange to have it delivered to his apartment.!!!!!!

CC: BarbaraG, Leonor Arce

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